(b) when holding such a charge are not they doing the duties of a Registrar, an Assistant Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, a Notary Public and that of a Kuri Registrar;

(c) does not this arrangement at times last for one or two months;

(d) were any of them found incompetent to hold such dual posts;

(e) is any allowance paid to them for the additional work they are called upon to do, and if so, what is the allowance;

(f) is there any time-limit for granting such an allowance;

(g) are they not holding charge of office without allowances;

(h) for how many days on an average in a year will they be in charge of office including holidays and short vacations for which no allowance is paid;

(i) do not the Government think it proper that some allowance should be paid to them for the additional responsible post they hold in consideration of the low scale of pay that is given to them?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar— (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) Yes. The allowance is provided under Art. 70 (a) and (b) of the C. S. R.

(f) No.

(g) Yes.

(h) This depends upon the number of days the District Registrars will be on casual leave or other business and so no definite answer can be given.

(i) No. Absence of Registrar from office on casual leave or on duty is not treated as absence from duty.

Technological institute—opening of.

235. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a committee of this Council was once appointed to report about the feasibility of opening a Technological Institute in Anappara alias Ramavarmapuram;

(b) whether the said committee has submitted any report in that connection;

(c) if so, will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table the said report;

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(d) if no report is received, will the Government be pleased to state why no report was submitted by the committee and why no report was called for;

(e) whether the opening of a Technological Institute in Ramavarmapuram or anywhere else is in the contemplation of the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Do.

(d) Do.

(e) Not at present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Has not the question of greater facilities for industrial education been already brought to the notice of the Government before ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Then, Sir, what progress have they made since then?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—A scheme is being submitted to the Government. But I cannot promise that it includes any scheme so ambitious as the technological institute but it is one which I am sure the Hon'ble Member himself will approve. Certainly it will be an improvement on the existing condition.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— You have said that some more attempts would be made and what have you done for the establishment of a technological institute?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I have already answered that a scheme is being submitted.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Government are scrutinising the proposal.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I know, Sir, whether any Government Committee considered the proposal of opening a technological institute in the State ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— No. There was an informal committee of the staff appointed by me with the sanction of the Government to go into the syllabus and curricula of the industrial schools and suggest ways and means for their improvement. The Hon'ble Member will find the proceedings of this Committee printed in the Appendix to my Education Survey Report.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— Was not a resolution passed in this House to open a technological institute at Anappara ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I want notice.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar:— Are the Government aware

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that the students of this State are finding it extremely difficult to get admissions into the technological institutes outside the State?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There is difficulty in getting admissions not only to the technological institutions but also to the other colleges like the Medical College, Engineering College &c. The difficulties are not such as can be removed by this Durbar alone. We have to get over this difficulty in conjunction with other Durbars and British Indian Provinces. We have to come to some arrangement with them on a Contributory basis. A very large amount has to be paid for reserving a few seats for the students from our State. Now contribution is being made to some Colleges.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar:— Are contributions being made to the Victoria Technological Institute at Bombay?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— No.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar:— Were contributions made at any time?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I want notice.

Mrs. Velayudha Menon—special allowance—Payment of.

236. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mrs. Velayudha Menon at any time waived her claims for the place of the Inspectress of Schools;

(b) the superior claims of Mrs. Velayudha Menon for the special allowance sanctioned to her by Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (a) No.

(b) No special allowance has been sanctioned to Mrs. Velayudha Menon. A local allowance attached to the post of the Headmistress, Girls' High School, Ernakulam, to be drawn by whom-so-ever is the Headmistress of the school was allowed to her.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—When was this allowance attached to this post?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— The date of the order is the 13th of February 1935.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:—What are the special reasons that induced the Government for sanctioning this local allowance and when was the allowance approved of by the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— One main reason was that the strength of this school was enormous to justify a special allowance to be given to the head of the school.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:—May I know, Sir, what the other reasons are?

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